#### MINUTES OF THE DISABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE

#### OF THE

#### EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

### **April 4, 2014**

A meeting of the Disability Subcommittee of the Rhode Island Retirement Board (hereinafter "Committee") was held on April 4, 2014 in the Board Room of the Employees' Retirement System, 50 Service Avenue, Warwick, Rhode Island.

The following Committee members were present: Michael Boyce; Daniel Beardsley; Peter Dennehy and Melissa Malone.

Also in attendance were: Michael Robinson, General Counsel; Dr. Christopher Ley, Medical Advisor; Gayle Mambro-Martin and Frank Karpinski, Employees' Retirement System.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Recognizing a quorum, Vice Chairperson Daniel Beardsley called the meeting to order at 9:06 A.M.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

A draft of the March 7, 2014 and March 10, 2014 meeting minutes were mailed to the Committee members for review, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Malone and seconded by Mr. Dennehy, it was:

**VOTED** To approve the meeting minutes of March 7, 2014 and

March 10, 2014.

### HEARING - ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY

**Anne Patterson** Teacher Librarian, Central Falls School District.

(Estimated service credits 17 years)

Member withdrew her appeal. No action taken.

Linda Rose Correctional Investigator, Department of

Corrections. (Estimated service credits 19 years,

11 months, 27 days)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Malone and seconded by Mr. Dennehy:

**VOTED:** To reaffirm the decision of October 9, 2013

**denying** Ms. Rose's application for an accidental

disability pension. Mr. Boyce voted Nay.

## ACCIDENTAL MATTERS PREVIOUSLY POSTPONED

Benita Fernandez Social Caseworker II, Department of Children

Youth and Families. (Estimated service credits 4

years, 5 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Ms. Malone:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board

**Postpone** a decision on Ms. Fernandez's application for an accidental disability pension.

Mary Ellen Malone Teacher, Pawtucket School Department.

(Estimated service credits 26 years, 4 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Malone and seconded by Mr. Dennehy:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board

**Postpone** a decision on Ms. Malone's application

for an accidental disability pension.

### ORDINARY MATTERS PREVIOUSLY POSTPONED

Susan Petrarca Teacher, West Warwick School Department.

(Estimated service credits 21 years)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Dennehy:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** 

Ms. Petrarca's application for an ordinary disability

retirement. Ms. Malone voted Nay.

### **Susan Hamilton**

Sr. Enrollment Services Representative, URI. (Estimated service credits 23 years, 4 months, 27 days)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Malone and seconded by Mr. Dennehy:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board

**Postpone** a decision on Ms. Hamilton's application for an ordinary disability pension. Mr. Boyce voted

Nay.

### **ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY**

Michael Martin Community Living Aide, BHDDH. (Estimated

service credits 19 years, 6 months, 15 days)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Malone and seconded by Mr. Dennehy:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board **Deny** Mr.

Martin's application for an accidental disability

pension.

**Charles Carlucci** Correctional Officer, Department of Corrections.

(Estimated service credits 14 years, 6 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Malone and seconded by Mr. Dennehy:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board

**Postpone** a decision on Mr. Carlucci's application for an accidental disability pension. Mr. Boyce

voted Nay.

David Cuccorelli Water Division Utility Person, City of Woonsocket.

(Estimated service credits 4 years, 2 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Malone and seconded by Mr. Dennehy:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board

**Postpone** a decision on Mr. Cuccorelli's application for an accidental disability pension. Mr. Boyce

voted Nay.

**Dorothy Baker** Community Living Aide, BHDDH-RICLAS.

(Estimated service credits 21 years, 11 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Malone and seconded by Mr. Dennehy:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** 

Ms. Baker's application for an accidental disability retirement pursuant to Rhode Island General Law § 36-10-15 (b) for 50 % of her compensation at the

time of her retirement.

### **ORDINARY DISABILITY**

**Linda Castigliego** Teacher Assistant, Bristol/Warren School

Department. (Estimated service credits 15 years, 4

days)

Member service eligible. No action taken.

**Kelly Butterworth** Media Specialist, RI School for the Deaf.

(Estimated service credits 13 years)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Malone and seconded by Mr. Dennehy:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** 

Ms. Butterworth's application for an ordinary

disability retirement.

Wayne Pierce HVAC Shop Supervisor, CCRI.. (Estimated service

credits 19 years, 1 month, 22 days)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Malone and seconded by Mr. Dennehy:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** 

Mr. Pierce's application for an ordinary disability

retirement.

## **DISABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE COMMENTS**

Discussion regarding Franciso Deaguiar and his one year IME review.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Beardsley it was unanimously:

**VOTED** 

To adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle C. Mambro-Martin, Esq.

GCM: gsb

May 2, 2014